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Bayerköhler et al. ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Application No.: 10/070,662 ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Filed: March 8, 2002 )  
For: DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE RAW )  
MATERIAL FOR COMPRESSED )  
PRODUCTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/EP00/08830, of which this application is the U.S. national stage application. The Search Report identifies WO 00/64916, WO 90/14821, U.S. Patent No. 4,572,916, U.S. Patent No. 5,616,361, and WO 99/47532, copies of which are submitted herewith and listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Also submitted herewith is the International Preliminary Examination Report from PCT/EP00/08830 and an English language translation thereof.

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Applicants also submit herewith, and list on the Form PTO-1449, EP 0 738 252 B1, and its English language equivalent, U.S. Patent No. 5,958,471.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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